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Tutor Teaching Tips

The Eruption of Mount Shasta (X)

MATERIALS

Leveled reader

Graphic organizer

Game cards;
Game board;
Markers

Graphic organizer;
Leveled reader

Before Reading



3–5 minutes

BUILD BACKGROUND: Ask: *What happens when a volcano erupts?*

PREVIEW THE BOOK: Show the child the covers of the book, and read the title. Ask: *What do you think this book is about?*

Point out the word *aspired* on page 5 and help the child find the word in the glossary. Explain that words in bold appear in the glossary and that the child can use the glossary if he/she cannot figure out the meaning of a word from the context.

Ask the child to look at the illustrations and predict what might be happening in the story.

During Reading



10–15 minutes

Ask the child to read pages 4–13 aloud. If the child has difficulty, read the pages together. Then ask the child to read them independently. Have the child work out unfamiliar words by looking at the letters and word parts. Tell the child to think what word makes sense in the sentence. If the child cannot work out the word, tell him/her. Have the child reread the sentence with the word and then continue reading.

After Reading



10–15 minutes

RETELL: Ask the child to retell the part of the story he/she read on pages 4–13. If necessary, prompt by asking: *Then what happened?*

GRAPHIC ORGANIZER: Have the child look on pages 12–13 to find the first major problem in the story. Have the child write it on the chart and tell how the family attempts to solve the problem. (The family's home is about to be covered with ash; they get in the car to drive to safety.) Then have the child find the next problem and write it on the chart. (The pets are missing.) Ask the child to predict how the problem will be solved.

CRITICAL THINKING: Ask the child if he/she would have gone back to get a pet, and to explain why or why not.

VOCABULARY GAME: Place the game cards face up in a stack. Have the child select a card, read the sentence, and identify the verb(s) and adverb(s) in the sentence. Have the child turn over the card to check his/her answer. If the child is correct, he/she can move along the game board the number of spaces indicated on the back of the card. Have the child place the card at the bottom of the stack and it is your turn.

Home Connection

Have the child finish reading the book at home. Have him/her complete the graphic organizer after reading the book.



Problem	Solution

INSTRUCTIONS: After reading pages 4–13, write the first major problem in the story and its solution. Then write the second problem. When you have finished reading the remaining chapters, complete the rest of the chart.

Directions: These game cards are two-sided. Print or copy back-to-back to make one set of cards.

Leveled Reader

Game Cards (FRONT)

***The Eruption of Mount Shasta* (X)**



The slight shaking quickly becomes a full earthquake.

Kyle hurriedly cleans up the mess in his room.

The kids play quietly in Kyle's room.

The bird perches proudly in its cage.

Kyle angrily struggles from his mother's grasp.

Blindly, Kyle runs through the smoke and ash.

Immediately, Kyle's dad understands what is happening.

Frantically, he yells for everyone to get in the car.

The volcano rumbles loudly.

Ash and smoke spew furiously from the crater.

Trees instantly explode in the blast.

Ash quickly covers everything in sight.

Suddenly, the shaking stops.

Sadly, their home is buried beneath mud and ash.

The family tightly hugs one another.

Humbly, Kyle says that Raven and Oz are the real heroes.

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 Game Cards (BACK)

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perches (v)
proudly (adv)

5

play (v)
quietly (adv)

4

hurriedly (adv)
cleans (v)

3

quickly (adv)
becomes (v)

2

frantically (adv)
yells (v)

1

immediately (adv)
understands (v)

5

blindly (adv)
runs (v)

4

angrily (adv)
struggles (v)

3

quickly (adv)
covers (v)

2

instantly (adv)
explode (v)

1

spew (v)
furiously (adv)

5

rumbles (v)
loudly (adv)

4

humbly (adv)
says (v)

5

tightly (adv)
hugs (v)

1

sadly (adv)
buried (v)

2

suddenly (adv)
stops (v)

3

Leveled Reader

Game Board

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